

[22nd October 1927]

PRESENT—*cont.*

Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.  
 Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.  
 Venkatarama Sastri, c.i.e., Mr. T. R.  
 Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.  
 Venkataramam Nayudu, Mr. C.

Venkiah, Mr. S.  
 Wood, Mr. C. E.  
 Zamindar of Gollapalli.  
 Zamindar of Mirzapuram.  
 Zamindar of Seithur.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15.*]

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplementary questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS

## Executive Council

*The speech of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar at Tanjore.*

\* 808 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government of Madras has been drawn to a speech of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar delivered at Tanjore in which he stated “the policy of divide and rule does not animate me and my Government of which Viscount Goschen is the chief”?

A.—The Government have seen a report of a speech of the hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar in a newspaper in which the passage quoted occurs.

*Alleged interview of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar.*

\* 809 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to an interview of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar in which he stated that the “Members of the Justice Party who were members of the Cabinet during the past six years must be aware of the rights, prerogatives and constitutional limitations and self-imposed restrictions on His Excellency the Governor”; and

(b) what are the self-imposed restrictions which have been referred to in the interview?

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A.—(a) The Government have seen a report in the newspapers to that effect.

(b) Presumably reference is intended to section 52 (3) of the Government of India Act.

*Alleged statement of the Law Member in "the Hindu" of the 16th July.*

\* 810 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement in the interview of the Law Member published in "the Hindu" of the 16th July "that after passing an ungrateful resolution attacking the Governor from whom several members of the Party had received many favours the people had been trying to wriggle out, etc."?

A.—The Government have seen the newspaper report referred to

### Land Revenue

*Report regarding the levy of penal assessment for raising seedlings for second crop outside the second crop area.*

\* 811 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: With reference to the answer to question No. 222, dated 26th August 1927, regarding the levy of penal assessment for raising seedlings for second crop outside the second crop area, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report called for has been received; and

(b) whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—The report called for has not yet been received.

*Assessment of kumki lands in South Kanara.*

\* 812 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have come to any decision with regard to the subject of assessing kumki lands in South Kanara; and

(b) if so, whether they will now give the information sought for in my question No. 383 (a to e) of 18th March 1927?

A.—(a) & (b) The matter is still under consideration.

### Minor Irrigation

*Report about the collection of enhanced taxes for constructing an irrigation channel in the Tanjore taluk.*

\* 813 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 137 answered on 24th August 1927 regarding the collection of enhanced taxes for constructing an irrigation channel in Tanjore taluk, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report called for has been received, and if so, what the report is?

A.—A copy of the report received from the Board of Revenue is placed on the table.